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MEMORANDUM TO:

Deputy Comptroller

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FROM:

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Chief, House Liaison

SUBJECT:

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

(HPSCI) Concerns Re Revision "Local Transportation/Use of POV"

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REFERENCE:

Letter, OEXA 82-0560/k, 17 Nov. 1982, to HPSCI

Staff Director

- On 28 December, the undersigned spoke with Mr. Jim Bush, HPSCI staff, to clarify concerns the latter recently raised with the Deputy Comptroller re subject above.
- 2. Mr. Bush told the undersigned that he had recently reviewed the proposed regulation and was left with the question as to whether the Agency would be routinely paying for POV use under the terms of the proposed regulation or whether payment would be limited to special cases. Mr. Bush is having difficulty discerning criteria for and methodology of Mr. Bush is specifically payment for use of the POV under paragraph (b). requesting a "Comptroller's opinion" re the limited applicability of the proposal. He cited the Appropriations Committee negative reaction to a similar proposal a "few years back," with regard to which the undersigned has no recollection.
- 3. Mr. Bush suggested that we might want to revise the language of (b) to reflect his concerns. The undersigned was noncommittal but did allow that a clarification to Mr. Bush personally would be forthcoming. Mr. Bush noted that he would hold off commenting formally until he has heard from us re our response to his inquiry. While I did not raise it with Mr. Bush, we all should be aware that-given the 17 November date of our transmittal--the 30-day prior notification period has already run

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its course and the regulation should have already been implemented (see Reference). To my knowledge, we did not receive any comments from HPSCI during the 30 days. Technically, therefore, Mr. Bush's comments are not timely in terms of the implementation of the proposed regulation. However, from the point of view of what may be politic, we would do well to address Mr. Bush's concerns whether in the form of a letter, a secure line phone call, or a personal visit and briefing, notwithstanding the tolling of the 30 days.

4. Accordingly, I would appreciate your input once you have had time to study this. Please call me to discuss the substance and methodology of our response to Mr. Bush.

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Chief, House Liaison

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